

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASE UNDER CHAPTER 9,
NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC STAY, NOTICE OF DEADLINE AND PROCEDURES
FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION, AND
NOTICE OF DEBTOR'S MOTION TO LIMIT NOTICE**

COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 9 CASE. On November 9, 2011, Jefferson County, Alabama (the “County”) commenced a case under Chapter 9 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division (the “Bankruptcy Court”). The Chapter 9 case is pending before the Honorable Thomas B. Bennett, United States Bankruptcy Judge. All documents filed with the Court are available for inspection via the PACER system, which may be accessed on a subscription basis at the following internet address: www.alnb.uscourts.gov. The County is in the process of adding a link to its website www.jeffcoonline.jccal.com through which key pleadings, orders, notices, lists, and other documents regarding the County’s Chapter 9 case and related proceedings before the Bankruptcy Court in this case will be made available.

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of actions against the County, including, among other things, the commencement or continuation of any judicial, administrative, or other action against the County or against an officer or inhabitant of the County that seeks to enforce a claim against the County, any act to obtain property of or from the County, any act to create, perfect, or enforce any lien against property of the County, and any act to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the County that arose before the commencement of the County's bankruptcy case.

PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER 9 FILING. Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code provides a means for a municipality, such as the County, that has encountered financial difficulty to work with its creditors to adjust its debts. The primary purpose of Chapter 9 is to allow the municipality to continue its operations and its provision of services while it adjusts or restructures creditor obligations. In a Chapter 9 case, the jurisdiction and powers of the bankruptcy court are limited such that the court may not interfere with any of the political or governmental powers of the County, or the County's use or enjoyment of any income-producing property. The County intends to propose a plan for the adjustment of its debts. Future notice concerning any such plan will be provided to all known creditors. During the bankruptcy case, the County will remain in possession and control of its property, and will maintain its operations for the benefit of the public.

DEADLINES FOR OBJECTIONS TO PETITION AND NOTICE OF ORDER FOR RELIEF. Any objections to the County's Chapter 9 petition must be filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division, by no later than _____ at 5:00 p.m., Central time. Any such objections shall state the facts and legal authorities in support of such objections, shall comply with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, and shall be served

on the attorneys for the County by mailing a copy of the same to the County's counsel: (1) Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Attention: Patrick Darby, 1819 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, and (2) Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP, Attention: Kenneth Klee, 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Thirty-Ninth Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067-5061. If any objections are filed in accordance with the requirements set forth herein, then the Court shall hold a status hearing regarding such objections on _____ at _____ .m., central time at _____. Objections must be advocated in person at all hearings on the objections, or they automatically shall be deemed overruled. If no objection is timely and properly filed, or if the Court overrules any and all objections that are timely and properly filed, then the filing of the petition shall be deemed an order for relief under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code, and this notice shall be deemed notice of such order for relief. Failure to file a timely and proper objection will result in the order for relief being entered.

MOTION TO LIMIT NOTICE. By separate motion, the County has requested the Bankruptcy Court to enter an order limiting notice of filings in the County's bankruptcy case to certain creditors and interested parties. If you wish to receive further notices in this case, you are encouraged to formally appear and file with the Court a written request for service in the case pursuant to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

Inquiries about the matters described herein may be directed to the County's bankruptcy co-counsel: Patrick Darby, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, 1819 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, pdarby@babbc.com, and Kenneth Klee, Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP, 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Thirty-Ninth Floor, Los Angeles, California 90067-5061, kklee@ktbslaw.com.

By order of the Court this the _____ day of _____, 2011.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE